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ST. PETER AND HIS KEYS

Continued from last week

And yet, withal, our Blessed Lord still makes it possible for us to wield our personal influence very much along the metaphorical lines of St. Peter's keys to the kingdom! So we all must never, never forget that the manner in which we live our lives as Christians is going to have the effect upon non-Christians of either causing them to want to follow us up and through those gates of Heaven which we have unlocked or opened for them or else they will be so utterly disgusted and disillusioned by what we display as Christianity that they will want none of us and none of that Kingdom toward which we may have been such tragically unfit guides. Mayhap in locking the gates of Heaven for others we may be the same act by locking them against ourselves!

It's a thought, certainly, and we're dropping as we go along-- especially at this time of the year when many of us Episcopalians take a big, hard slump in our Christian behaviour and habits after such a terrible grind of as many as forty days of fasting and discipline. We often wonder what the half-starved American prisoners of war in Germany and Japan would think of our alleged fastings and self disciplines!

Keys of the Kingdom! We can be, we are keys to the Kingdom! But, never forget, keys shut and lock gates as well as open and unlock them. What kind of key is your life and mine?

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY --

COLLECT

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in thee; Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandment we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICES

WEST END
10-12

EAST END

8:00 A. M. Holy Eucharist
Fr. Kitagawa

9:00 A. M. Holy Eucharist
Fr. Shoji
22-3-D Church Chapel

32-12

9:30 A. M. Holy Eucharist
Fr. Kitagawa

10:30 A. M. Church School

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7:30 P. M. Evensong-Sermon
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CHANGES: After this week Evensong will not be held in either Block 10 nor 32 during the summer months.

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VISITOR: Shigeki Paul Kaseguma is visiting family and friends on the project from Cincinnati, Ohio.

IN THE MAIL BAG

Office of the Chaplain,.
33rd Inf. Trng. Bn. IRTC
Fort McClellan, Alabama,
Chaplain George Aki.....

It is always a problem for me to know when I should write and let one know of my appreciation for their kindnesses. The Minidoka Churchman has followed me since I was in the Jerome Center. The work in this Battalion is difficult but interesting. It is my real privilege to be with these soldiers of Japanese descent. My hours are long and I feel that I am accomplishing something as I move among the people here. We have made our mistakes and some of our fellows are paying for it at this time, yet the vast majority of us are doing our part to show the American public what we can do as American soldiers. It is our opportunity and our great chance to show others what we really mean by "Freedom". We should teach them since we know what it could mean and what it should mean. The war is as tardy and evil in the sight of God and in the sight of men. Each Sunday all of us pray for the cessation of hostilities. Somehow by all of us working together in this great goal of peace, I think the peace will come that much sooner.....As you work there, please do not forget that we need your sincerest prayer in our work. It is one of the most difficult trainings these men ever had. Please remember them.

The Rev. Lawrence Rose, Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, Conn.....Sam Ishibashi is a very busy lad. It seems that all his vacations are well occupied by visits to his new friends and I have not seen him since last September although I did speak with him on the phone a week ago. I think he is very happy and doing good work.

Grace Hagiwara, Wm. Smith College, Geneva, New York... We are all fine here and enjoying the very warm, in fact hot weather nowadays. Summer is definitely here. Just had a V-mail from Mike (her brother).....Pat is on another ship but they will meet when they reach land. They are both fine.....reading in the ship's library playing cards, chess and other games.

Henry Morio, Chicago, Illinois.....Well I haven't settled down as yet. After coming back from a visit to Waukesha and Milwaukee, I went to Ann Arbor to visit Bain and my sister. (Bain Chiba). I went with Bain and the family to Detroit and there we saw Dr. Hasegawa. He was looking fine. He was happy about the whole thing, that is the way everything turned out favorable for him....Last Sunday there was an evening-prayer at Rev. Yamazaki's Church, so Mr. Fujimoto, father and I went. It was a get-to-gether affair of all Episcopalians from various camps. There weren't many Hunt or Seattle people there. Pvt. George Kakohashi & Mr. George Hara were there, so was Ruby Okawaki.

Mrs. Haru Yoshida, Salt Lake City, Utah.....John volunteered and was inducted so he came to visit us for a few days before he went for his physicals at Fort Snelling. He regretted very much for not being able to visit Hunt and meet his friends. I have not received any word from him as yet and am uncertain of his outcome.

Dixon Miyauchi, 160 Retreat Ave. Hartford 2, Conn.....Yesterday afternoon I took a bus to Danbury to pay Sammy a surprise visit and whom do you suppose I ran into there? None other than Fr. Dai! Now if you could have commanded a flying carpet to take you to Danbury yesterday, we would have turned our visits in to a real fiesta. Both Sammy and Fr. Dai asked me to send along their greetings. Sammy, especially, was looking fine, and from all that I could observe he seems to have fitted in just about perfectly with the school and with the other boys there. He said that he was enjoying his new life too much to feel any home sickness.

DEPARTURES: Mr. Shigeru Matsumoto, Mr. & Mrs. Matori, Dr. & Mrs. Paul S. Shigaya have left for Spokane, Wn. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Toribara and Torry are leaving for Spokane also on June 12th. Mrs. Ben Tamura and children for Pennsylvania, Dr. S. Ishibashi for points East and Miss Mary Shimizu for Chicago, Illinois. Mr. & Mrs. Seita Aoki are visiting Mrs. Hana Mackawa at Emmett, Idaho.